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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE (IOPZ)

IN ONLY DETAILED REFERENCE TO IOPZ THUS FAR IN DEBATE ON
DISARMAMENT ITEM IN COMITE I AUSTRALIAN DELEGATE MOTT
STATED FOLLOWING (EXTRA WORDS OMITTED):

QTE: AUSTRALIA IS MEMBER OF 15-NATION COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER
RESOLUTION 2992 (XXVII) WITH MANDATE TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF
PROPOSAL THAT INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE A ZONE OF PEACE. OUR
SUPPORT FOR THAT RESOLUTION AND OUR MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE
DEMONSTRATE OUR SYMPATHETIC CONCERN WITH QUESTIONS AFFECTING
PEACE AND STABILITY OF INDIAN OCEAN AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO PLAY
A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN REGIONAL INITIATIVES OF THIS KIND. WE
TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF
ZONE OF PEACE AND OUR DETERMINATION TO PLAY ACTIVE AND HELPFUL
PART IN GIVING IT MORE CONCRETE FORM.

QTE. THE COMMITTEE HAS ACCEPTED COMPLEX TASK, WHICH BEARS
UPON SECURITY OF LARGE AND IMPORTANT REGION OF WORLD. IN SENSE,
AS IS EVIDENT FROM ITS REPORT TO ASSEMBLY, IT IS ONLY AT
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BEGINNING OF WORK OF DEBATING PROPOSAL, ANALYZING IT AND

CONSIDERING ITS IMPLICATIONS. THIS FACT MAKES IT DESIRABLE FOR COMMITTEE TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE APPROACH, SEEKING TO ENSURE AS IT MOVES AHEAD THAT IT CARRIES WITH IT NOT ONLY THE REGIONAL STATES BUT ALSO THOSE OTHER STATES, SUCH AS MAJOR POWERS AND MAJOR MARITIME USERS OF INDIAN OCEAN, WHICH HAVE IMPORTANT INTERESTS IN AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SECURITY OF REGION.

QTE. ESSENCE OF COMMITTEE'S PROBLEM IS TO FIND ACCEPTABLE BALANCE OF VARIOUS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS, FOR EXAMPLE, AS BETWEEN INTERESTS OF STATES OF REGION AS WELL AS BETWEEN REGIONAL INTERESTS ON THE ONE HAND AND OUTSIDE AND GLOBAL INTERESTS ON OTHER. WE SHOULD BE UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT THE TASK WILL BE EASY. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY AT SOME STAGE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSULT GREAT POWERS WITH VIEW TO ENLISTING THEIR SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTION. THIS WOULD IMPLY THAT, BEFORE TAKING THIS IMPORTANT STEP, COMMITTEE ITSELF WILL NEED TO FORGE COMMON VIEWPOINTS ON SUBJECT MATTER OF CONSULTATIONS.

QTE. AS TO THE ROLE OF ASSEMBLY NOW, MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT MAIN REQUIREMENT IS RESOLUTION CAST IN NON-CONTROVERSIAL TERMS THAT ACHIEVES OBJECTIVE OF SENDING COMMITTEE BACK TO WORK NEXT YEAR. END QUOTE.

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